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Iowa Arts & Cultural Recovery Program

Don't forget: The deadline is tomorrow – Friday, Dec. 11 – for the latest round of relief grants from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Gov. Kim Reynolds has allocated \\$7 million](#) to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to distribute by the end of the year to eligible artists, cultural nonprofits, and both for-profit and government-owned cultural venues through the Iowa Arts & Cultural Recovery Program.

APPLY TODAY

You're Invited!

Join us online Friday, Dec. 11, for the annual Celebrate Iowa Gala. This year's virtual event showcases all kinds of Iowa art, history, film and music, including opera singer **Simon Estes**, Broadway star **Brandon Victor Dixon**, and up-and-comers **Poni Lejukole** and **Stevie LeWarne**, who won top honors a couple of years ago at the Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards.



LEARN MORE & BUY TICKETS



More Help for Musicians & Theatre Designers

New Music USA recently announced a new funding program to help composers and other "individual music creators"

whose commissions and business have dwindled during the Covid-19 pandemic. The nonprofit group aims to grant 40 to 60 awards of up to \$5,000 from the New Music Creator Development Fund. Interested musicians should apply by Dec. 21.

Theatre Communications Group and an entertainment-development company called TheFrontOffice recently launched the Freelancers Relief Fund to provide rapid-response grants of \$1,000 each for scenic, lighting, costume, sound and projection designers who have lost work during the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

MUSIC GRANT

THEATRE GRANT

9 Iowa Groups Receive ArtsMidwest Grants

ArtsMidwest, a regional partner of the Iowa Arts Council, announced Tuesday that 61 cultural organizations scattered across nine states will receive Covid-19 relief grants thanks to \$1.5 million from an anonymous donor.

This is the second round of grants from the [U.S. Regional Arts Resilience Fund](#), which especially supports organizations in rural areas and those that are led by and/or serve Indigenous communities and people of color. The following nine Iowa organizations will receive grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$35,000.



- **Decorah:** [ArtHaus](#)
- **Des Moines:** [Station 1](#)
- **Des Moines:** [Tai Village](#)
- **Iowa City:** [Public Space One](#)
- **Marion:** [Red Cedar Chamber Music](#)
- **Marshalltown:** [Marshall County Arts & Culture Alliance](#)
- **Oskaloosa:** [George Daily Community Auditorium](#)
- **Toledo:** [Wieting Theatre and Opera House](#)
- **Waterloo:** [Youth Art Team](#)



"Artifact: Shirt," by Catherine Reinhart

Iowa Artist Fellow Catherine Reinhart

Sometimes there's a fine line between "a mess" and "inspiration." A plain old pile of laundry inspired Iowa Artist Fellow Catherine Reinhart of Ames to create a new series of textile art she calls "The Topography of Dwelling." By stitching imaginary maps of "the home landscape," as she puts it, she explores themes of homemaking and caregiving that have become even more important during the last few months.

READ THE BLOG

Pocket Park Call for Artists

The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Community Development Corporation plans to install a small “pocket park” in an alley in downtown Mount Vernon, which last year was designated as an Iowa Cultural and Entertainment District. To help, the Mount Vernon Area Arts Council is seeking an artist to enhance the park with artwork that represents the community’s history and dedication to arts and culture. The artwork is not limited to a particular medium but should be site-specific and cost no more than \$9,500, including design, fabrication, transportation and installation. Please apply by Jan. 8.



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The Art Center of Burlington sells DIY llama kits at ShopIowa.com.

NINE WAYS TO GIVE LOCAL ART

Buy (and Sell) Local Art & Music for the Holidays

In an effort to encourage holiday gift-givers to support local artists and musicians, CSPS in Cedar Rapids is posting on social media a weekly round-up of locally produced artwork. If you’ve created something to include, feel free to email emma@cspshall.org.

You can find more ways to give local art and music in an article the Iowa Arts Council recently distributed through the Iowa Newspaper Association.

Poetry Out Loud

The registration deadline is coming up for Poetry Out Loud, an arts education

STEM Scale-Up

If you’re a preK-12 teacher, you can apply to participate in STEM Scale-Up, a

program that encourages students in grades 9-12 to study great poetry and compete in a recitation competition. Students can register for the virtual competition through their schools or as individuals through Jan. 27.

Meantime, feel free to watch a few recent webinars to pick up some helpful tips on poem selection, dramatic interpretation, stage presence and more.

professional development program offered Jan. 21 through March 2. Public and private school teachers, youth organization leaders, home school associations and others who deliver STEM education programs are eligible to apply. This program is guided by the Governor's STEM Advisory Council, which has enlisted the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to help infuse the arts and creativity into STEM education.

REGISTRATION

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Open: [Freelancers Relief Fund: Theatre Designers](#)

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